

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A terminal control apparatus for controlling a terminal device, ~~that performs a specific process, said terminal control apparatus comprising:~~

communication means for ~~performing communication between~~ communicating with the terminal device and ~~the terminal control apparatus~~ for receiving terminal device information from the terminal device; and

storage means for storing plural programs;

control means for controlling selection of a program from the storage means in response to the terminal device information received by the communication means from the terminal device, by using a terminal control function that accords with a system condition the program selected being configured to control functions of the terminal device, and personal user data peculiar to a particular user, and for generating the control means further processing the program selected and communicating with the terminal device in the same condition as a system condition of said terminal control apparatus, the control means communicating with the terminal control apparatus through the communication means for controlling the terminal device to perform terminal device functions in accordance with the program selected.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the control means selects ~~an optimal one of terminal control functions~~ different programs for controlling different types of the terminal device, and performs the optimal terminal control function selected, thereby to control the terminal device devices as indicated by the terminal device information received from each different type of terminal device .

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the control means comprises selection means for selecting the ~~optimal terminal control function in accordance with~~ program indicated by the terminal device information, the terminal device information that represents including information indicating terminal device type and terminal device capabilities[[,]] and function performing means for performing the optimal terminal control function selected by the selection means.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the control means further includes ~~function performing means comprises~~ function control means for controlling various function units of the terminal device, and the function control means controls the functions corresponding to the various function units in accordance with the program selected ~~terminal device capability data contained in the terminal information.~~

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein information is received from and transmitted to the terminal device through ~~a terminal~~

~~control system~~ the communication means that operates regardless of what type of terminal device is present.

Claims 6-27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (New) A terminal control apparatus controlling a terminal device,
comprising:

data storage means for storing terminal device programs and personal user data peculiar to a user;

communication means for communicating with the terminal device, for receiving terminal device information from the terminal device, and for transmitting the personal user data from the terminal control apparatus to the terminal device; and

control means for selecting one of the programs stored in a data storage device in response to the terminal device information received by the communication means and the personal user data, and for executing the program selected by the control means, wherein the program selected by the control means corresponds in functions performed to a terminal device program carried by the terminal device.

Claim 29. (New): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the control means selects different programs for controlling different types of terminal devices as indicated by the terminal device information received from each different type of terminal

device.

Claim 30. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the control means comprises selection means for selecting the program indicated by the terminal device information, the terminal device information including information indicating terminal device type and terminal device capabilities.

Claim 31. (New): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the control means further includes function control means for controlling various function units of the terminal device, and the function control means controls the functions corresponding to the various function units in accordance with the program selected.

Claim 32. (New): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 28, wherein information is received from and transmitted to the terminal device through the communication means that operates regardless of what type of terminal device is present.

Claim 33 (New): A terminal control apparatus controlling a terminal device independently usable by different users, comprising:

communication means for communicating with the terminal device;

control means for selecting a terminal control apparatus program for controlling the terminal device to operate as if being controlled by a terminal device program resident in the

terminal device, said control means including,

means executing the terminal control apparatus program selected by the control means,

means for providing user personal data different for each different user, and

means for controlling the transmission by the communication means to the terminal device of function control signals from the means for executing and user personal data from the means for providing, the terminal device being controlled by the transmitted control signals to perform corresponding functions, at least one of the functions being performed requiring the user personal data to enable performance thereof.

Claim 34. (New): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 33, wherein information is received from and transmitted to the terminal device through the communication means that operates regardless of what type of terminal device is present.

Claim 35. (New): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the personal data different for each different user includes password data.

Claim 36. (New): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the personal data different for each different user includes telephone number data.

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Claim 37. (New): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the personal data different for each different user includes data necessary for the terminal device to connect to an e-mail provider and to receive e-mail for each different user from the e-mail provider.

Claim 38. (New): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the data necessary for the terminal device to connect to an e-mail provider and to receive e-mail for each different user from the e-mail provider includes telephone number data, connection ID, password data, mail server data, and mail ID.